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SUBJECT: BANANAS: STANDARD TO SHUT DOAOD

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1. LA REPUBLICA OF JUNE 27 AND STANDARD REPRESENTATIVE
EDUARDO DE LA ESPGCELLA CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT STANDARD
HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS ON ITS OWN PLANTATIONS

(ESTRELLA AND RIO FRIOD ON MONDAY, JULY 1. STANDARD WILL
CONTINUE TO PURCHASE
BANANAS FROM THOSE INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS
WITH WHOM IT HAS CONTRACTS AND WHO DESIRE TO SELL FRUIT BUT,
AS DE LA ESPRIELLA POINTED OUT, THE INDEPENDENTS PRESUMABLY
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WOULD BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PAYING THE EXPORT TAX.

2. ACCORDING TO THEN A REPUBLICA STORY THE STANDARD SHUT DOWN WILL PUT APPROXIMATELY 4,000 WORKERS OUT OF WORK. WITH UNITED CURRENTLY SHUT DOWN AS A RESULT OF ITS STRIKE ON THE PACIFIC COAST THE PROSPECT IS THAT EXPORTS FROM COSTA RICA WILL SLOW TO A TRICKLE.

COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF DE LA ESPRIELLA AGAIN REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT HE STILL HAD HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE GOCR ON RESUMING DISCUSSIONS.9 WHILE DE LA ESPRIELLA STOPPED SHORT OF ADMITTING THAT THE DECISION TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS WAS A PRESSURE MOVE ON THE PART OF STANDARD, THE CLEAR IMPLICATION OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THAT STANDARD HOPES BY THIS LATES MOVE TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO REOPEN THE CONVERSATIONS.RUANE

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